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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR PINS EG IS
SUBJECT: SUGGESTED PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM SADAT TO BEGIN
ON TERRORIST ATTACK ON BUS

REF: STATE 63682

1. SADAT IS VISITING BENI SUWAIF THIS MORNING, WHICH
MEANT I COULD NOT CONTACT HIM DIRECTLY. I THEREFORE
CALLED VP MUBARAK ON SECURE PHONE TO URGE, IN YOUR NAME,
DESIRABILITY OF THE PRESIDENT SENDING PERSONAL MESSAGE TO
BEGIN EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES FOR LOSS OF LIFE IN
SATURDAY'S TERRORIST ATTACK. I RECALLED BEGIN HAD SENT
PUBLIC MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO SIBAI FAMILY AND GOE.
SUCH A MESSAGE, I EMPHASIZED, WOULD IMPROVE CLIMATE FOR
NEGOTIATIONS AND IS ESPECIALLY DESIRABLE AT THIS DIFFICULT
POINT WHEN TERRORIST ATTACK HAS UNITED ISRAELIS AND
HARDENED THEIR ATTITUDES.

2. MUBARAK TOOK A POSITION SIMILAR TO THAT TAKEN BY
FONMIN KAMEL YESTERDAY (CAIRO 8084). HE PERSONALLY DE-
PLORED THE ATTACK, BUT SAID IT WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED
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IF ISRAEL HAD NOT PERSISTENTLY DENIED THE PALESTINIANS
THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE "VERY
DIFFICULT" FOR SADAT TO SEND SUCH A MESSAGE, WHICH BEGIN
WOULD CERTAINLY PUBLISH. IT WOULD FURTHER ISOLATE SADAT
IN ARAB WORLD.

3. I PRESSED HIM HARD RE DESIRABILITY OF SUCH A PRESIDEN-

TIAL MESSAGE. MUBARAK FINALLY SAID HE THOUGHT IT BEST IF I DISCUSSED THE MATTER PERSONALLY WITH THE PRESIDENT. I SAID THAT IS WHAT I WISHED TO DO IF IT WERE AT ALL POSSIBLE. MUBARAK THEN EXPLAINED THAT SADAT WILL BE BACK IN CAIRO LATER TODAY AND PLANS TO OVERNIGHT HERE. HE, MUBARAK, WAS HELICOPTERING TO BENI SUWAIF TO BE WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR THE DAY AND HE UNDERTOOK TO TRY TO ARRANGE FOR ME TO MEET WITH SADAT THIS AFTERNOON.

4. FEW MINUTES AGO MUBARAK'S AIDE, GENERAL SHABAN, CALLED TO SAY THAT THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT I HAD REQUESTED WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY. TIME AND PLACE HAVE YET TO BE FIXED. I WILL PURSUE MATTER DIRECTLY WITH SADAT AT THAT TIME. EILTS

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